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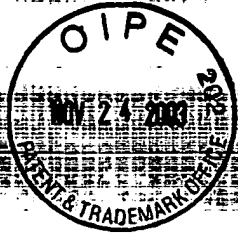
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Attorney's Docket No. GEFS 5304  
(GE Reference 20-EC-124789)

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REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED DETECTION OF LOCOMOTIVE FRICTION  
MODIFYING SYSTEM COMPONENT HEALTH AND FUNCTIONALITY

the specification of which:

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☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on June 26, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/606,723, and was amended on

☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. , filed on and as amended under PCT Article 19 on , if any.

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations '1.56.

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, '119 (a) - (d) or '365(b) of any foreign application for patent or inventor=s certificate, or '365(a) of any PCT application which designates at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor=s certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Priority Not Claimed

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<u>60/391,743</u> (Application Number)	<u>6/26/02</u> (Filing Date)
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